



The BRIDGE

February 2008

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Newsletter for Volunteers

Archaeology Weekend!

HIGHLIGHTS OF ARCHAEOLOGY WEEKEND

FEBRUARY 2ND AND 3RD

Come one, come all you volunteers to an event packed, action packed weekend of fun stuff. Notably, there will be a silent auction running all day on Saturday in the new Archaeology Library building. Lots of good things in the auction, including Bob Begole's special collection of Bolo-ties that he has been gathering for 50 years. There's also loads of other interesting items to bid on, including some local restaurant dinners, artwork, sculptures, trips, etc. Don't miss it. Auction will close at 4:30 and the winners will be announced at 5pm. You need not be present to win.

Also, from 3-5 on Saturday there will be a free, old-fashioned ice cream social held at the Archaeology Research Center.

Oh, and on Saturday night from 7-8:30 you can be treated to storytelling and gourd singing by the Paipai and Kumai Indians from Baja. Just

head on over to the Palm Canyon Campground Amphitheater.

There will also be a variety of lectures and field trips as well as Indian pottery and baskets for sale at the Visitor Center.

And special thanks to all the Volunteers who have worked long and hard to put this weekend together.

Hank Barber
Archaeology Weekend Coordinator

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schedule
of events
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Steering Committee

Tuesday, February 12, 2:00 P.M.
Discovery Lab V.C.

General Meeting

Monday, February 18, 2:30 P.M.
Discovery Lab V.C.

Diana Lindsay will be giving a one-hour version of her ABDSP 75th anniversary talk.

Class of 2008 Graduation Potluck!

The Visitor Center Volunteer Class of 2008 potluck will be held on Tuesday, February 19, at 6 p.m. at the Roadrunner Club.

Come celebrate a new generation of great volunteers!

Bring food to share, tableware and beverage of your choice.

Coffee will be available.

Volunteer Field Trip

Wednesday, February 27, at 8:30 A.M.

Meet at the Visitor Center 3rd. parking lot.
Fred Jee will lead us on his Hollywood tour.

Refresher Training

A new year is under way and your refresher training worksheets (two-sided) will be in your mailbox very soon. **Please remove your old worksheets with a completion sticker on it from your volunteer mailbox and take them home.**

There will be more opportunities to get in your required field trip with park staff (not a naturalist) in the ABDSP this spring if you have not already done so. The naturalists have some excellent programs coming up so there will be plenty of opportunities to get some of your options done. Don't forget you must attend at least one general meeting during the year and yes, this does count as one of your options. Remember to enter all trips, options and general meetings on your time sheets under training. Training hours do count towards your volunteer pins, but not on your floor time. Please enter your items on your worksheets and leave them in your volunteer mailbox, as they will be checked throughout the year. Good luck and if you have any questions: please call Harvy Miller, 767-0442 or talk to Michael.

Have a Great Idea for a Field Trip?

New Steering Committee members Hank Barber and Dave Shannon would love to hear it!

Contact Michael at the Visitor Center and he will get you in touch with Hank and Dave.

Successful Sundowner!

The Borrego Springs Chamber of Commerce and Anza-Borrego Desert State Park welcomed one-and-all to the Park Visitor Center for a great Sundowner. Over one hundred citizens ate, laughed and showed again the importance of the strong bond between the people of Borrego Springs and the Park.



New Volunteer Naturalist Class!

A new volunteer naturalist class will begin on Feb. 5. This course uses the National Association for Interpretation curriculum and certification as a Certified Interpretive Guide (CIG) is available but not required. Classes are from 8:00am to 5:00pm on Feb. 5, 11, 19, and 26 at the VC. Call Michael at 0334 or email mrodriques@parks.ca.gov to save your spot. The purpose of this class is to train new naturalists to create great programs to enlighten and inspire our visitors.

A WORD OF CAUTION!

Do you see some misguided visitors exhibiting behavior that is detrimental to the Park?

Call the Rangers office at **760-767-4399** or

If the behavior includes weapons or other serious infraction **CALL 911**

BUT!

Do Not Confront the Visitor!

Don't even let them see you making the call.

Your safety is of first importance!

TAKE CARE AND MAKE IT BACK TO WE WHO LOVE YOU.

ARCHAEOLOGY WEEKEND
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center
Borrego Springs, California
February 2-3, 2008

This will be one action and information packed weekend - a celebration of 75 years of archaeology in the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. There will be field trips, displays, activities for kids, lectures, tours, basket weaving and pottery demonstrations, a free ice cream social and even a silent auction. And on Saturday night there will be a special campfire event with Native American story telling and gourd singing.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, February 2, 2008

Saturday Events

9-4:30 Silent Auction at the Begole Archaeological Research Center. Bidding closes at 4:30 pm. Winning bids announced at 5:00 pm. (Winners need not be present)

9-2 Kids Activity Area. Fun Table, Archaeological dig, arts & crafts, poster contest, & scavenger hunt.

9-10 Desert Cacti and their uses by Native Americans. By: Don Rideout.

9-4 Native American basket weaving, and pottery making demonstrations, including pit-firing of pottery.
Craft items will be for sale.

9:30-4 Walking tours to the Archaeology and Paleontology Labs.
Groups depart from Visitor Center front door approximately every half hour.

12-1 Native American uses of desert plants. By: Abby Barker.

3-5:30 Free Ice Cream Social, with announcement of silent auction winning bids at 5:00.
Begole Archaeological Research Center.

7-8:30pm Campfire event at Palm Canyon Amphitheater with Native American storytelling and gourd singers.

Saturday Lectures

10-11 75 years of Colorado Desert District Archaeology. Introduction: Sue Wade, Joan Schneider

11-12 Ceramic Research in Anza-Borrego. By: Margie Burton and Patrick Quinn (Begole Grant recipients)

1-2 The early work of D.L.True in the Park during the 1950s. By: Suzanne Griset, Claude Warren

2-3 Who's Who of State Parks Archaeologists in the Colorado Desert District. Moderated by: Sue Wade.

3-4:30 Round Table Discussion. History of Archaeology in the Park. Panelists include: Dr. Timothy Gross, Dr. John Hildebrand, Dr. Suzanne Griset, Dr. Meg McDonald and Robert Begole.

Saturday Field Trips

9-11:30 Box Canyon - Offers vivid examples of the hardships faced by generations of overland travelers. This easy walk yields evidence of primitive road building and views of wagon road scars dating to the 1840s. By: Chris Wray

11:30-12 Agave Roasting Pits (Continuation of Box Canyon field trip) This optional trip will take participants to agave roasting pits a short distance away. By: Hank Barber and Sam Webb

1-3 Interpretive walk through Morteros. Discover the hidden archaeological secrets of the Morteros prehistoric village site on this one mile hike. View Native American rock art, mortars, and cupules. Learn how the Kumeyaay Indians used this area to harvest and process agave. By: Astrid and Sam Webb.

(Note: All field trips require pre-registration and payment. For reservations call ABF&I at 760/767-4063. During Archaeology Weekend, check for last-minute field trip availability at the ABF&I table in front of the Visitor's Center)

Sunday, February 3, 2008

Sunday Events

9-12 Kids Activity Area. Fun table, archaeology dig, arts and crafts.

9-3 Native American basket weaving, and pottery making demonstrations, including pit-firing of pottery.
Craft items will be for sale.

9:30-2 Walking tours to Archaeology and Paleontology Labs. Depart from Visitor Center doors every half hour.

10-2 Display of desert plants that were used by Native Americans for food, clothing, & medicine.
By: Marge Hatcher.

Sunday Lectures

10-11 75 years of District Archaeology. Introduction: Sue Wade, Joan Schneider.

11-12 Cultural History of Sentenac Cienega. By: Rae Schwaderer

1-2 Faunal Analysis, Methods and Results of Historical and Prehistoric Research in the Anza-Borrego Desert. By: Susan Arter.

2-3 Early work of William and Edith Wallace in southern part of the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. (Includes short film) By: Joan Schneider and Meg McDonald

Sunday Field Trips

9-12 In the 1930, the Civilian Conservation Corps built the infrastructure in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. Learn about the CCC and visit their work on this driving and walking tour of Green Valley and Paso Picacho Camp Grounds. By: Sue Wade, Colorado Desert Archaeologist.

8:30-12 The Bombing of Clark Dry Lake during World War Two. Primarily a driving tour to visit these sites and learn their history. By: Fred Jee, Supervising Park Ranger.

9-12 Hike to Clark Valley Petroglyphs – Moderate 3-mile hike to early Cahuilla petroglyphs. By: Chuck and Mary Bennett.

Did You Know?

The Fire Station will take your old batteries.

View from the Visitor Center

By Michael Rodriques

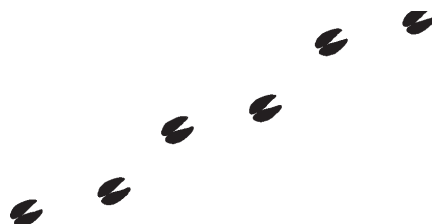
The new season is really starting to pop with increasing visitation and great things to do. Important work is continuing in the Archaeology and Paleontology groups and with just a little bit more rain we might get flowers!

ABFI is scoring with plenty of strong programs and I hope many of you made it to the fund-raising concert on the 19th. We had a sell-out crowd for Rick Shea & the Losin' End. We had free food and a no-host bar and even though it was dog-gone cold everybody stuck it out and enjoyed the fine country-rock. We thank all the volunteers who helped out and thank Kelley Jorgensen for a great idea and a ton of work.

At the last general meeting we talked about the budget situation and even though this is just the beginning of a long process we did have good news. The theater renovation project is going to be finished. Hurray! High definition and surround sound are coming.

As we move forward into the year the work all of you do becomes more and more vital to the welfare of our beloved Park. We stand together against those who would harm our desert paradise.

Thank for your hard work and deep concern.





Paleontology Program

Paleontology News, February, 2008
by Jeannie Beck

01	8AM-3PM	Field, Post Office Parking
02	1PM-4PM	Open House, Paleon- tology Laboratory
03	9AM-12PM	Open House, Paleontology Lab
07	9-12PM	Steering Committee, Paleontology Lab
07	1-3PM	Curation and Preparation, Paleontology Lab
08	8AM-12PM	General Meeting Taphonomy Lecture, Visitor's Center
08	1-3PM	Curation and Preparation Paleontology Lab
15-17		Field Western Association of Vertebrate Paleontologists meeting in Flagstaff, Optional
15	8AM-12PM	Curation and Preparation
22	8AM-12PM	Curation and Preparation
22	11:30-1PM	Enrichment Seminar, Stout Research Center
22	1PM-3PM	Invertebrates lecture, Curation & Prepara- tion, Laboratory

29 8AM-3PM Field, Post Office
Parking

We will have the Paleontology Laboratory open to visitors for the Archeology weekend in February. On Saturday the 2nd it will be open from 1PM-4PM, and on Sunday the 3rd from 9AM-12PM. All who can are encouraged to attend.

The Paleontology Society annual holiday auction and videotape sales brought in nearly \$1,000. The videos will continue to be sold through the Archeology weekend Open House at \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. So, if you have not taken advantage of this offer, do so because the tapes are then scheduled for the Frugal Coyote.

All Paleontology Volunteers are urged to attend the general meetings once a month for current information and announcements. The next meeting and lecture are February 8th. The lecture is on Taphonomy, so bring your class notes and lots of questions for George. Also, the mentoring program is continuing this season and more mentors are needed. On the 15th, Norbert plans to show us how to make a plaster/glass clamshell cradle for the Camelops humerus in preparation.

Check the current schedule for the Western Association of Vertebrate Paleontologists meeting. The corrected dates are February 15th to the 17th. Six of us will be attending the lectures on Saturday and the field trip to a dinosaur site in southern Utah. We will have a regular Curation and Preparation session on the 22nd. Don't miss Pat Gerdson's presentation on ABDSP invertebrate fossils on February 22nd. Also, there is another brown-bag Enrichment Seminar at noon. Myrl Beck's presentation in January on plate tectonics was a smashing success.

Park Volunteer Visitor Center Duty Schedule: February 2008

Shift	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1	2
9-1						Macy E-J Shimeall, E Quinn, W	Wakefield, T-C Delaney, J-M Ota, V
11-3						Fort, J	Mason, P
1-5						Steele, C Juers, B Larson, L	Clark, G Hatcher, M McManus, T Radke, M
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9-1	Ota, V Carskaddan, J Wakefield, T-C McDaniel, R	Shannon, D Salt, S	Davis, H Hellyer, D Kilroy, P	Poitrass, P-R McDavitt, F	Medema, M-F Decker, P Carskaddan, P	Lindemann, S Burge, R Miller, H	Hopkins, J-D Ebright, J
11-3			Cogdell, P	Cogdell, P		Alexander, T	Mason, P
1-5	Cate, S Churchwell, M Barber, C McDaniel, R	Nourse, A Nickerson, J	McManus, T Radke, M	Poitrass, P-R Riley, A	McManus, T Radke, M Falk, R	Porter, R-J Quinn, W	Ehrlich, D Rideout, D Shugan, R-B
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9-1	Delaney J-M Keenan, A	Shannon D Loizos, B Johnson, L	Landis, M Decker, P Barber, H	Anderson, J Coffin, I Strong, J Comier, J	Decker, N Mason, P Burge, R	Loizos, B Miller, H Loerke, L Estes, N	Wakefield, T-C Decker, P Ebright, J
11-3			Cogdell, P	Cogdell, P		Olson, M	Fort, J
1-5	Ekelund, M Larson, P Churchwell, MJ	Hatcher, M Roller, J-L	Vickars, K Bailey, N Mendenhall, A	Larson, L Reilly, A Ehly, G-R	Webb, A-S Olson, M	Macy, E-J Nickerson, J	Rideout, D Shugan, B-R Larson., R
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9-1	Barrie, R-B Cate, S Barber, C	Keenan, A McDavitt, F Shannon, D Estes, N	Decker, N Prath, K Kilroy, P	Hellyer, D Davis, H Nourse, A	Decker, P Prath, K Medema, M-J	Lindemann, S Miller, H Davis, H	Wakefield, T-C Mason, P Ebright, J
11-3	Steele, C						Alexander, T
1-5	Ekelund, M Larson, P Barber, C Clark, G	Larson, L Nickerson, J	McManus, T Radke, M Burge, R	Haldemann, J Cormier, K Reilly, A	Webb, A-S Vickars, K	Porter, J-R Phillips, L	Shugan, R-B Prath, K
	24	25	26	27	28	29	
9-1	Barrie, B-R Barber, C Churchwell, MJ	Hellyer, D Davis, H Loizos, B	Strong, J Decker, N Barber, H	Anderson, J Coffin, I Bigelow, J-M	Bigelow, J-M Cormier, J	Loizos, B Salt, S Loerke, L	
11-3						Olson, M	
1-5	Hatcher, M Ekelund, M Larson, P	Roller, J-L Comier, K	DeMunck, K Mendenhall, A Bailey, N	Larson, R Nourse, A Ehly, G-R	Webb, A-S Falk, R Olson, M	Juers, B Larson, L Phillips, L	

Meetings: Steering Committee, February 12, 2008, 2:00 P.M., V.C.

General, February 18, 2008, 2:30, 2:30 P.M., V.C.

Volunteer Class Graduation Pot Luck, February 19, 2008, 6:00 P.M., Roadrunner Club

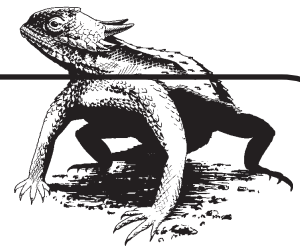
Substitutes: Perrine, V-Loizos, B-Larson, R/L-Shimeall, E-Nickerson, J-Ekelund, M-Porter, R/J-Churchwell, MJ.



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